

## Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette

SSD/2/2/4

**Social Sciences Board & Humanities Board**

**Approved at the meeting of 25 February 2011**

### **Title of Programme**

Honour School of History and Economics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Increase of the three core Economics papers from two-thirds weight to full weight.

### **Effective date**

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2013)

### **Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2010

### **Detail of change**

- 1 p.274, delete ll.34-35, and substitute:

**'[Until 1 October 2012**

These three core subjects in Economics 1 to 3, will count as *two* subjects for the examination.]'

- 2 p.276, delete ll.37-39, and substitute:

**'(b) [Until 1 October 2012**

Two Further Subjects in Economics;

*or*

**(c)] (i) one further subject in History and (ii) one Further Subject in Economics.'**

**Explanatory Notes**

These changes increase the weighting of Economics papers from two-thirds to full weight, and to accommodate the change by increasing the total number of papers from seven to eight (i.e. the three Economics papers equate to three rather than two full papers). In order to rebalance the degree between the two subjects, a requirement has also been introduced that at least one of the two options will be a history paper. These changes are to come into effect for students taking final examinations in 2013.

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#### Title of Programme

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Change in the weighting of core Economics papers from two-thirds to full weight; removal of two Economics options; introduction of new Philosophy/Economics option on the environment; some minor corrections.

#### Effective date

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2013)

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2010*

#### Detail of change

- 1 p.412, l.29 delete 'shall be' and substitute 'are'.
- 2 Ibid., p. 143, delete ll.1-5 and substitute:  

' Their other two subjects may be chosen freely from those listed under Philosophy and under Politics and under Economics, except that (i) if any subjects in Economics are chosen they must include the third core subject; (ii) certain combinations of may not be offered (see List of Subjects below); and (iii) not all Economics subjects may be available in any particular year (see below for details). There may also be restrictions on numbers permitted to offer some Economics subjects in any particular year.'
- 3 Ibid., p.412, l.40 after '103,' insert 'and any two of'

- 4 Ibid., p.413, l.19 delete ‘four’ and substitute ‘three’.
- 5 Ibid., ll. 21-22 delete ‘(ii) at least one must be a further subject in Economics (other than the thesis if offered;’ and renumber (iii) to (v) as (ii) to (iv) accordingly.
- 6 Ibid., l.24, after ‘subjects may be’ delete ‘offered’ and substitute ‘available’.
- 7 Ibid., l.30 delete ‘four’ and substitute ‘three’.
- 8 Ibid., ll.33-34 delete ‘(ii) at least one must be a further subject in Economics (other than the thesis if offered;’ and renumber (iii) to (v) as (ii) to (iv) accordingly.
- 9 Ibid., l.36, after ‘Economics’ delete ‘may be offered’ and substitute ‘subjects may be available’.
- 10 Ibid., p.414, after l.19 insert ‘125. The Environment (319)’.
- 11 Ibid., p.415 delete ll. 31-32 and renumber (314) to (320) as (312) to (318) accordingly.
- 12 Ibid., after l.39 insert ‘319. The Environment (125)’.
- 13 Ibid., p.424, delete ll.13-43, and renumber subsequent rubrics 314 to 320 as 312 to 318 accordingly.
- 14 Ibid., p.428, after l.19 insert:
- ‘319. *The Environment*
- Philosophical foundations: justice and goodness, theories of value; decision-making under uncertainty. Economics foundations: externalities, public goods, international environmental agreements. Politics and the environment. Inter-generational ethics, discounting. The choice of instruments: taxes, permits and command-and-control; environmental instruments in practice. Valuing human life. Valuing nature. Cost-benefit analysis: foundations and critiques; valuation methods.’.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Clauses 1, 6 and 9 amend wording for the sake of clarity. Clauses 2,3,4,5,8 amend the regulations in accordance with a change in the weighting given to Economics papers from two-thirds to full weight. This reflects the effort required of students, and ensures that sufficient time is given to them to provide appropriate breadth and depth across the discipline. For those taking Economics and one other subject, the new regulations specify three core papers in economics, two in the other subject area and three options, including at least one in another subject area. Those taking all three subjects can now choose any two of the three economics core papers, and if they choose any further economics papers, these must include a third core subject. Clauses 10, 12 and 14 introduce a new Economics/Philosophy paper in The Environment – the introduction of this option reflects the prominence of environmental issues in public discourse. Clauses 11 and 13 remove

two (currently suspended) Economics options from the schedule: Statistical Methods in Economics, and Classical Economic Thought. The content of the former is now covered within the Quantitative Economics core course; and the latter is too restrictive in scope. Consideration is currently being given to developing a new more broader-based course.

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board & Humanities Divisional Board**

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### **Title of Programme**

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Replacement of the Russian Government and Politics paper with a revised paper entitled Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union

### **Effective date**

With immediate effect (for students taking final examinations in 2012)

### **Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations*, 2010

### **Detail of change**

Delete from p.416, l.41 to p.417, l.2 and substitute:.

‘207. *Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union*

Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the transformation of the Soviet system from 1985, and an understanding of the politics of countries of the former Soviet Union with respect to their formation, post-Soviet transitions, regime types, institutional arrangements, party systems, electoral processes, ethnic and clan composition, political economy, corruption, and the influence of external factors.’.

### **Explanatory Notes**

In response to student demand for a course that includes countries of the former Soviet Union beyond the Russian Federation, a substantially revised and expanded course is

being introduced 'Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union' that replaces the Russian Government and Politics Paper. Expanding the paper's focus in this way will enrich student understanding of the region, and provide students with an opportunity to explore many of the issues raised by the core paper from the perspective of transitional, hybrid and authoritarian states. It will also complement the new Politics in Europe paper, which covers the emerging post-communist democracies of Central and Eastern Europe. This is being introduced for current second year students to be run for the first time in Trinity Term 2011. Current third year students selecting this option have undertaken the course following the original rubric.